Certified copies to Secretary of the Treas-Payments in ratable proportions.

or in part, together with the amount of each claim and the amount awarded thereon, and (d) a statement of the reasons for the allowance or disallowance in each case. Certified copies of (a) and (c) shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall, after making the deduction provided for above, distribute in ratable proportions, among the persons in whose favor awards shall have been made, or their assignees, heirs, executors or administrators of record, according to the proportions which their respective awards shall bear to the whole amount available from time to time for such distribution, such moneys as may have been received into the Treasury in virtue of the agreement of November 9-12, 1938.

Approved, April 10, 1939.

**ICHAPTER 581** 

## AN ACT

To amend the Canal Zone Code.

April 12, 1939 [H. R. 3577] [Public, No. 31]

Canal Zone Code, amendment.

49 Stat. 1904. 48 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 1371c.

Disability retire-ment of employees; annuity.

> Provisos Proof of conduct.

Reinstatement claims.

Limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first para-graph of subsection (b) of section 94 of title 2, Canal Zone Code, as amended by section 2 of the Act of June 24, 1936 (49 Stat. 1904), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Any employee to whom this article applies who shall have served for a total period of not less than five years, and who, before becoming eligible for retirement under the conditions defined in section 92 of this title, shall have become totally disabled for useful and efficient service in the grade or class of position occupied by the employee, by reason of disease or injury not due to vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct on the part of the employee, shall upon his own application or upon request or order of the Governor of the Panama Canal, be retired on an annuity computed in accordance with the provisions of section 96 of this title: Provided, That proof of freedom from vicious habits, intemperance, or willful misconduct for a period of more than five years next prior to becoming so disabled for useful and efficient service, shall not be required in any case; and the claim of any employee which was or would have been disallowed under this section by reason of the requirement of such proof with respect to a longer period than five years, shall upon request of the applicant be reinstated, and shall thereupon be redetermined under the provisions of the section as herein amended: Provided further, That such claim is now on file with the Civil Service Commission or is executed within six months from the enactment of

Approved, April 12, 1939.

[CHAPTER 59]

## AN ACT

April 12, 1939 [H. R. 3790] [Public, No. 32]

Act of 1939.

Relating to the taxation of the compensation of public officers and employees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Public Salary Tax United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Public Salary Tax Act of 1939".

## TITLE I

"Gross income", def-inition amended. Ante, p. 9. I. R. C. § 22 (a).

Section 1. Section 22 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to the definition of "gross income") is amended by inserting after the words "compensation for personal service" the following: ("including personal service as an officer or employee of a State, or any